

The first year of our experience of it, our ordinary yearly revenue rose at once from about \$10,000 to about \$14,000, being an addition of about \$4,000 a year to what we ever had before—so far I have spoken of the ordinary revenue alone,—which as I have just said, consists of the income from Pew rents and Weekly Offerings. As for the extraordinary revenues—at different times—they varied according to the magnitude of the objects aimed at. During the time that this edifice was building, large amounts were raised for the building fund, and afterwards in liquidation of the debt. The final effort to liquidate the debt was taken in hand about four years ago, by our pastor, to whom the success of the effort is chiefly due. The debt at that time was about \$20,000, the interest on which, cost the church about \$1,100 a year. This was not considered a very formidable debt for this congregation, nor did the amount of yearly interest give us very much concern, but it was thought well that the debt should be cleared off; accordingly, as I have just said, our pastor took the matter in hand, and in less than a twelvemonth the debt entirely vanished and was no more. At that time the Organ was being put in, and the annual saving of interest came in very handy to help to meet the extra expense caused by the introduction of the Organ into the Church.

It seems to me as if we had arrived at a point in our congregational history. We have a large and beautiful building, situated in the right spot, fully equipped, in good condition, and free of debt, and with a large congregation worshipping there every Sunday. I can look back over its history for a long time, and it seems as if the blessing which Moses pronounced on one of the tribes of Israel has accompanied it from the beginning: "As thy days are, so shall thy strength be." We have been strengthened all along, so that not only have we increased in many ways, but also every undertaking that we ever assumed has been carried through successfully.

I have no fear for the future. Changes are going on constantly in the membership. In the course of last year we lost by death one of our standard bearers, the late Mr. Peter Nicholson, a true disciple of Christ. Though of a retiring disposition, he was in every way an example to others; especially in his integrity of character, his regular